GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:271
ANSWERED ON:15.03.2001
TRADE UNION IN TEXTILE MILLS
M. JAGANNATH

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any request from the Textile mills for permission to downsize the work force by 1%;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these mills have also asked for amendment in Trade Union Law relating to the minimum number for the formation of Trade Union; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?`

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (KASHIRAM RANA)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Qn. No. 271 for 15.3.2001

(a) & (b) The Textile Mills and Garment exporters have been raising general issues of labour reforms. One of the suggestions recently made by Garment Exporters is that 2% of the labour force should be permitted to be changed each year.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. They have also asked that the minimum number of workers for formation of the Trade Unions be 25% of the total workforce. In this context, the Central Government is proposing to add the following proviso in `The Trade Unions (Amendment) Bill, 2000` `Provided that no Trade Union of workmen shall be registered unless at least ten percent or one hundred, whichever is less, of workmen engaged or employed in the establishment or industry, with which it is connected, are on the date of making of application for registration, the members of such Trade Union and in no case a Union shall be registered without a minimum strength of seven members.`